

ATTACHMENT 1

Project Summary

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:	Proposed update to the Los Angeles County General Plan
REQUEST:	Adoption of the General Plan Update and certification of the Environmental Impact Report.
LOCATION:	Countywide (unincorporated areas)
STAFF CONTACT:	Ms. Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417
RPC MEETING DATE(S):	February 26, 2014; March 26, 2014; April 23, 2014; May 28, 2014; June 25, 2014; July 23, 2014; August 6, 2014; August 27, 2014; October 8, 2014; and December 10, 2014.
RPC RECOMMENDATION:	Approval and recommendation to the Board to consider adoption of the General Plan Update.
MEMBERS VOTING AYE:	Commissioners Valadez, Louie, Shell, Modugno, and Pedersen
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
KEY ISSUES:	<p>The last comprehensive update to the General Plan took place in 1980 and it was based on the 1970 census. The General Plan Update is the result of nearly two decades of work by hundreds of stakeholders, County staff, and partnering local, regional, and state agencies.</p> <p>The General Plan Update establishes a framework of 11 subareas that account for the environmental and cultural differences within Los Angeles County, and allows for more context sensitive plans to be created through community-based planning efforts.</p> <p>The General Plan Update includes the following elements: Land Use Element; Mobility Element; Air Quality Element; Conservation and Natural Resources Element; Parks and Recreation Element; Noise Element; Safety Element; Public Services and Facilities Element; and Economic Development</p>

Element.

The General Plan Update includes a Community Climate Action Plan, changes to the zoning map, and changes to Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code, including the creation of new zones and update to the Hillside Management Ordinance.

MAJOR POINTS FOR:

When adopted, the County will have a general plan that is implementable, user friendly, consistent with State law, and reflects the current and projected needs of the unincorporated areas in the next 20 years.

The General Plan Update shapes new communities to align housing with jobs, services and transit, through policies such as the Transit Oriented Districts Program; addresses community services and infrastructure to meet growth needs, while being context-sensitive and respectful of community character; conserves and manages the County's natural and cultural resources, including the character of rural communities, through balanced policies, such as the Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) Program and hillside management policies; includes a Community Climate action Plan (CCAP), which is a roadmap to reduce green house gas emissions that are generated by community activities; encourages economic development through the preservation of industrial areas, establishment of Employment Protection Districts, and support for a stable and well educated workforce; and encourages the design of communities that incorporate their cultural and historic surroundings, are not overburdened by nuisance and negative environmental factors, and promote quality of life.

MAJOR POINTS AGAINST:

The Hillside Management Ordinance will provide barriers to the development process and will impact the County's ability to meet its regional housing needs.

The significant expansion of the SEAs will add burdens to property owners.